

Language Credentialing

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Internship License for Alternative License Level 1 (NM)

Description

The Internship License route is for those candidates participating and making significant progress in an alternative license program, but who have not completed all requirements. He/she must also be considered highly qualified by the Public Education Department.

License Valid for 2 years

Employment: Required

State Information

State: New Mexico

Contact Name: Licensure Unit

Contact Phone: 505-827-5821

Contact Email: LicensureUnit@state.nm.us

For more information please visit the state website: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/licensure/>

Notes

If the applicant has at least 5 years of post-secondary teaching experience, completing all requirements will give them a level 2 or level 3-A teaching license.

Minimum Academic Background

In most states, teachers must have a minimum academic background for certification.

The following is required for this route:

BA Degree + 30 Hours

Prior Certification: Must NOT have Current (STATE) Certification

Basic Skills

In most states, teachers must verify basic skills in English (Reading and Writing) and Mathematics through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

English:

Exam(s):

- [NES: Essential Academic Skills Test](#)

Math:

Exam(s):

- [NES: Essential Academic Skills Test](#)

Teacher Preparation

In most states, teachers are required to complete training in education methods through a teacher program.

The following is required for this route:

Student Teaching

Course needed: Complete 12-21 semester hours in a PED approved alternative program including 3 semester hours of credit in the teaching of reading and a student teaching or field-based component.

Enrolled in a PED-approved alternative licensure program OR present a portfolio (as described in Section 8)

Exam(s):

- [NES Assessment of Teacher Competency \(National Evaluation Series\)](#)

Content Language and English Language Proficiency

In most states, teachers are required to submit evidence of content language proficiency and English language proficiency through coursework, exams, or degree evaluations.

The following is required for this route:

Content Language Proficiency:

Exam(s):

- [NES: French, German, Spanish](#)

Course needed: Applicants may also provide evidence of 24-36 semester hours of credit in modern, classical & native language OR be certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in modern, classical & native language.

Additional Requirements for this route include the following:

Reading:

Course needed: 3-6 semester hours in the teaching of reading

Notes:

Native American Language & Culture: Applicants shall meet the requirements established by each NM Native American tribe or pueblo AND provide evidence of their approval to teach the language and culture. This certificate is limited to teaching native language and culture only. For additional information: <http://164.64.110.239/nmac/parts/title06/06.063.0014.htm>

Applying to the State

In most states, teachers must apply to the state Individually or through their local School District, or Teacher Program Institution. Requirements for the application are outlined below:

Application Submission: Individual

Form at: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Licensure/2010/forms.html>

Form Mailing Address:

Professional Licensure Bureau 300 Don Gaspar (Rm. 101) Santa Fe, NM 87501

School District Requirements:

Verification of Employment

Confirmation of Mentor

Copy of Academic Transcripts: Required

Copy of International Records: Required

Transcript Evaluation Required

URL: http://langcred.org/resources/transcript-evaluation/?fwp_agency_accepted_by_states=new-mexico

Background Check

Required

Online at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/LicFingerprinting.html>

Renewal: Nonrenewable

All requirements (course work and testing) must be met by the expiration date of the 3-year license. Upon completion, applicant will earn a level 1 alternative license.

Notes:

Download form: Internship License Application Background check fee: \$75 Application processing times: May to September 8-12 weeks October to April 1-4 weeks

Fingerprint Card Processing for background check fee is \$75. Only out of state applicants may request a fingerprint packet by emailing: ethics@state.nm.us